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Applicant:

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For:

Aluminium electrowinning cells with metal-based

anodes

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

In claim 3, please delete "or 2";

In claim 4, please delete "any preceding" and insert
after "claim", --1--;

In claim 5, please delete "any preceding" and insert
after "claim", --1--;

In claim 6, please delete "any preceding" and insert
after "claim", --1--;

In claim 7, please delete "any preceding" and insert
after "claim", --1--;

In claim 8, please delete "any preceding" and insert
after "claim", --1--;

In claim 9, please delete "any preceding" and insert
after "claim", --1--;

In claim 11, please delete "any preceding" and insert
after "claim", --1--;

In claim 12, please delete "any preceding" and insert
after "claim", --1--;

In claim 14, please delete "or 13";

In claim 15, please delete "any preceding" and insert
after "claim", --1--;

In claim 17, please delete "any preceding" and insert
after "claim", --1--;